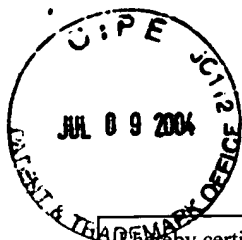


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CATEGORIZATION OF MUSIC BY  
METADATA

Applicant: Ron Goodman

Filed: January 5, 2001

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Examiner: Rones, Charles

Docket No.: 6407P212

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)  
TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

Dear Sir:

The undersigned hereby respectfully requests and petitions that the above-referenced application be amended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) to correct inventorship of the application.

The application was filed on January 5, 2001 naming the following persons as inventors of the present patent application:

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- (1) Ron Goodman, a citizen of the United States, residing at 226 Jeter Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; and
- (2) Howard N. Egan, a citizen of the United States, residing at 219 Elinor Street, Capitola, CA 95010.

Please correct and amend the present patent application so that David Bristow, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at 5988 NE Tolo Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 is additionally named as a joint inventor of the present patent application.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment is necessitated by amendment of the claims and that the error in inventorship of the present patent application was made without any deceptive intent by anyone, including the actual inventors.

Enclosed with this Amendment and Petition are the following documents:

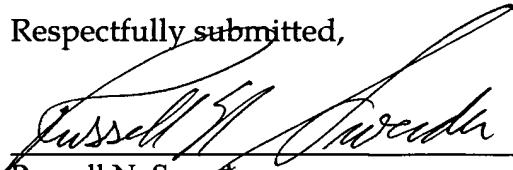
- (1) a verified Statement of Facts by David Bristow stating that the addition in inventorship of the present patent application is necessitated by amendment of the claims and that the inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intent on his part;
- (2) an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney indicating all inventors; and
- (3) an Assent of Assignee for Correction of Inventorship with a copy of the previously recorded Notice of Recordation of Assignment document.

The Assignment by the additional inventor, David Bristow, to be recorded in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.33(1), and a check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recordation fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h), are being forwarded separately to the Assignment Division.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for correction of inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 9, 2004

  
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STATEMENT OF FACTS BY DAVID BRISTOW  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)

Dear Sir:

I hereby declare:

I. I am making this Statement of Facts under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) in connection with U.S. Patent Application Serial No.09/755,723 filed January 5, 2001 (hereinafter referred to as "the present patent application").

2. My current residence and country of citizenship is as follows:

David Bristow, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at 5988 NE Tolo Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

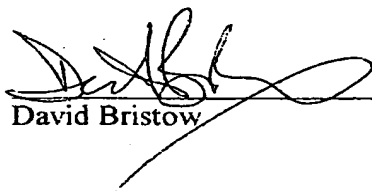
3. The amendment in inventorship is made as necessitated by amendment of the claims. An inventorship error was made by naming only Ron Goodman and Howard N. Egan as joint inventors, rather than naming Ron Goodman, Howard N. Egan and David Bristow as joint inventors.

4. The inventorship error was made without any deceptive intent whatsoever on my part.

5. It is now requested that the additional inventor David Bristow be added to the present patent application.

I declare that all statements made herein on my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Bristow

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATIONATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 6407P212

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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DateFull Name of Inventor: David BRISTOWCitizenship: UNITED KINGDOMResidence: 5988 NE Tolo Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110Post Office Address: Same

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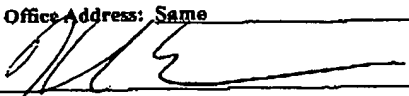
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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)  
FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Dear Sir:

Attached please find a copy of the Recordation of Assignment document that is currently on file with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning the above noted application. The Assignment document is being submitted to provide evidence of chain of title for this application.

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Assignee, CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD., a Singapore corporation having a place of business at 31 International Business Park, Creative Resource, Singapore 609921, Republic of Singapore, does hereby assent to the correction of inventorship, the petition for which is filed herewith, which seeks to add David Bristow as an additional inventor in the above-referenced application. The undersigned of Creative Technology Ltd. does hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that he is authorized by Creative Technology Ltd. to make this Assent of Assignee for Correction of Inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7/6/, 2004

  
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Chon Hock Leow  
Chief Technology Officer



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GOODMAN, RON

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EGAN, HOWARD N.

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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, RON GOODMAN, of 226 Jeter Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; HOWARD N. EGAN, of 219 Elinor Street, Capitola, CA 95010; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention:       AUTOMATIC HIERARCHICAL CATEGORIZATION OF  
                                  MUSIC BY METADATA

Date(s) of Execution:

Filing Date:               January 5, 2001

Application No.:         09/755,723; and

WHEREAS, CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY LTD., located at 31 International Business Park, Creative Resource, Singapore, 609921, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignees, and Assignees' successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignors had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

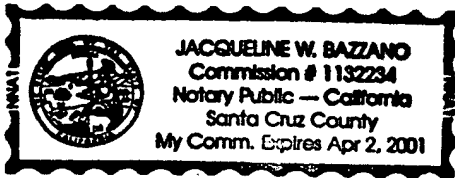
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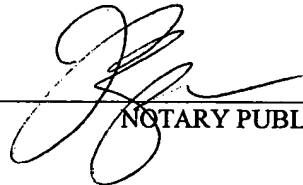
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On March 14, 2001, before me, Jacqueline W. Bazzano,  
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~~basis of satisfactory evidence~~) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and  
acknowledged to me that he/~~she~~ executed the same in his/~~her~~ authorized capacity, and that by his/~~her~~ signature on  
the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



My Commission Expires: 4/2/2001

  
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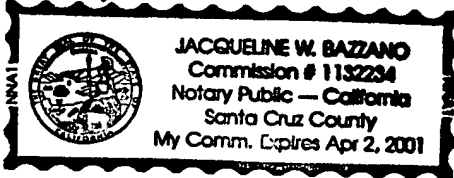
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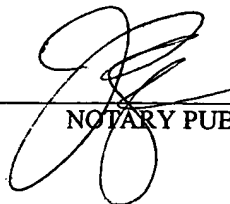
STATE OF CALIFORNIA     )  
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On March 22, 2001, before me, Jacqueline W. Bazzano (Notary Public),  
personally appeared HOWARD N. EGAN, personally known to me (~~or proved to me on the~~  
~~basis of satisfactory evidence~~) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and  
acknowledged to me that he/~~she~~ executed the same in his/~~her~~ authorized capacity, and that by his/~~her~~ signature on  
the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



My Commission Expires: 4/2/2001

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC